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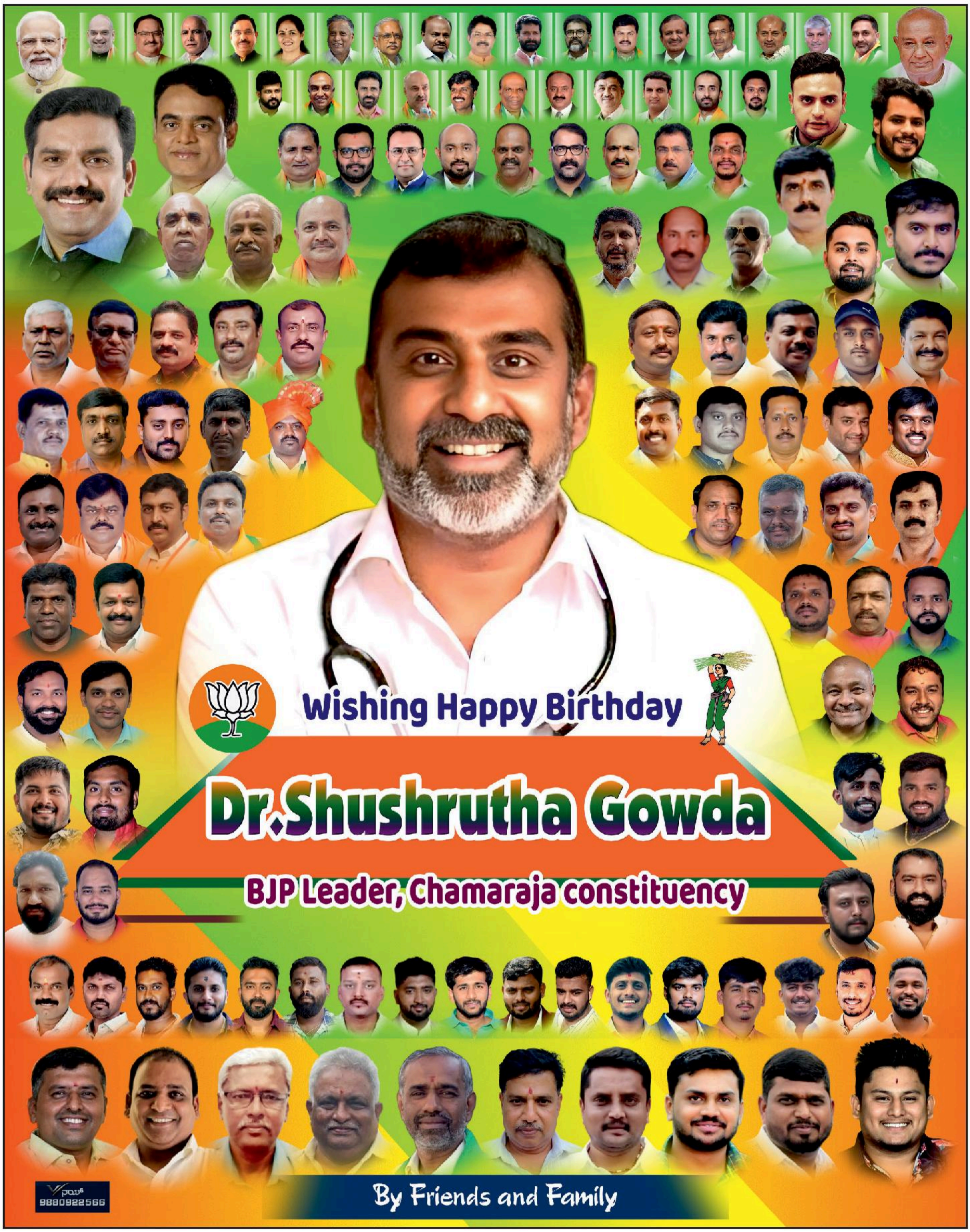

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 2nd August 2025

Vocal concert at Mysore
Vasudevacharya's House

Aditi Rao *Vid.Aravind* *Vid. Yashasvee*

Mysuru, Aug. 2- Aditi Rao, an 8th-grade student at Portland, USA, and an upcoming vocalist, will be presenting a vocal concert at the residence of Mysore Vasudevacharya in Agrahara on Aug. 3 (Sunday) at 10. 30 am.

She will be accompanied by Vid. Tumkur Yashasvee on violin and Vid. G. Aravind on mridanga.

Profiles: Aditi is a disciple of well-known violinist Vid. Achyutha Rao. She began her musical journey under the guidance of Harini Acharya and gave her first vocal performance at the age of 8 in Portland Balaji Margazhi Utsavam 2020.

She has performed at many places ever since then. She has participated in international vocal competitions and won laurels.

Trained in Vid. Mahadevappa School, Vid. Yashasvee is at present under the tutelage of Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy and Vid. Bhaskar. He has been performing with established artistes for nearly a decade now.

Vid. Aravind, a disciple of N. Sundaraman and the legendary artiste Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman, is a graded artiste of Akashavani. He has been performing alongside senior artistes during the past 15 years in Bengaluru, Chennai and other places.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TURNING TO THE DIVINE AT TIMES OF CRISES: ***Every individual in this world faces crises in life. Sometimes big and at other times small. It is thus of relevance to every person to know how to manage these crises. Life is not a bed of roses; one has to struggle hard. The only successful way of dealing with such situations is that whenever one has these experiences, one should turn to the creator and entreat Him to resolve it; definitely, He will resolve it. One should consider every situation that befalls one as coming from god, and thus one must develop acceptance for it.***

The truth is that everything that happens in this world has been directly brought about by god himself. The role of the individual lies in either giving a positive response or a negative response to the situation he is confronted with. If a person responds positively, he does so to his own credit, while if he reacts negatively, he discredits himself.

The right course of action for a person in such a situation is to refrain from behaving impatiently and continually pray to God for a better outcome. The Bhagavad Gita teaches that turning to a higher power during times of crisis can provide guidance and strength.

The Gita encourages individuals to remain steadfast in their faith, even when facing adversity. Surrendering to a higher power and dedicating oneself to the divine can provide comfort and strength during challenging times. By turning to a higher power, surrendering to it, and focusing on duty, individuals can cultivate inner peace and find solace during times of crises.

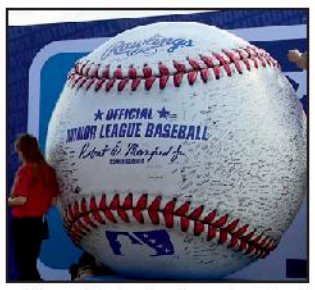
By turning to god during times of crises, Muslims are encouraged to seek solace, guidance, and the promise of eventual relief, as outlined in many Quranic verses. And whosoever fears god and keeps his duty to Him, He will definitely make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty.)

He will provide him from sources he never could imagine. The Bible says spend your time in prayer acknowledging who He is. God is your protector, providing strength and help in the midst of any crises we face. In the darkest moments of life — when confusion, pain, or fear seem to engulf us — turning to God becomes not just a choice but a necessity. It's in these trials that the human heart realises its limits and reaches upward, seeking the One who is limitless.

— Nazeer Ahmed Kazi in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Baseball with 6,750 signs breaks world record



New York: A giant baseball taken on a tour of Minor League Baseball stadiums broke a Guinness World Record by accumulating 6,750 signatures.

The 8-foot diameter replica baseball started its journey June 24 at Victory Field, home of the Indianapolis Indians, and visited 15 ballparks before arriving at its final stop at the MLB Flagship Store in New York.

A Guinness World Records adjudicator examined the ball and determined there were 6,750 verified signatures on its surface, earning the title for the most signatures on a single item of sports memorabilia.

The previous record of 2,146 signatures was set by the Cambridge United Football Club last year, when it gathered fans to sign a giant inflatable jersey.

27-year-old alpaca named the oldest

Auckland: An alpaca living on a farm in New Zealand was officially named the oldest in the world at the age of 27 years and 185 days old.

Guinness World Records said the animal, named Hawthornden Wainui, was officially named the oldest living alpaca in captivity when his age was verified on July 6.

Wainui was born in 1998 and has lived with his owners, Vicki and Alex Cordier, since 2002.

She said Wainui has always gotten along with the rest of the alpaca herd, but he now spends most of his time with a goat named Barney and a sheep named Squeak.

"The personality of my lovely Wainui is now a bit of a grumpy old man. In his younger days, he would be the herd lookout -- sitting on a high vantage point watching the world go by," Vicki Cordier told Guinness World Records.

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Bharatanatyam festival
Prapatthi-2025 tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 2- The annual Bharatanatyam festival, 'Prapatthi-2025,' organised by Prashanthi Sansthan, will be held on Aug.3 from 5 pm at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Mysuru.

Guru Harshini Prajwal has been conducting Bharatanatyam classes for 12 years now at the organisation which has branches in Mysuru and Bengaluru.

The programme will be inaugurated by Guru Vid. K. Sandesh Bhargav, a Bharatanatyam exponent and Vice-President - Business Excellence and Transformation, at Kaynes Technology.

Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan of Champaka Academy, will be the chief guest. Dr. Rama V. Bennur, Music Critic, will preside.

About 30 students of Prashanthi Sansthan (disciples of Harshini Prajwal) will present a Bharatanatyam recital for nearly one-and-half hour.

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Student: *The price!*

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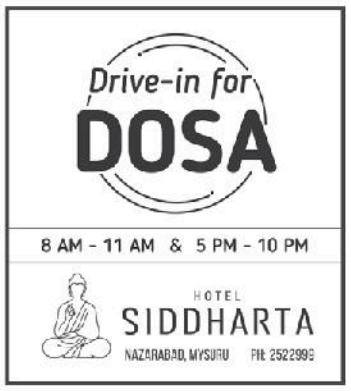

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Drug seizure value mounts to Rs. 435 crore

The Mumbai Police team that seized Mephedrone worth Rs. 44 crore.

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (BCT)- The investigation into the Rs. 390-crore Mephedrone (MD) haul by Mumbai Police has led to yet another major seizure — 22 kilograms of the contraband worth Rs. 44 crore — from Hiranandani area of Powai in Mumbai on Thursday. Along with drug, chemicals worth Rs. 16 lakh used in its manufacture were also confiscated. With this latest find, the total value of Mephedrone manufactured in Mysuru and seized so far has surged to Rs. 435 crore.

Last week, the Anti-Narcotics Cell of Mumbai Police had unearthed 187 kg of Mephedrone worth Rs. 382 crore during a raid on a garage-like shed at Belavatha along Mysuru's Outer Ring Road (ORR). Four persons — including one accused from Mysuru — were arrested at the time.

Subsequently, 4.5 kg of the drug worth Rs. 8 crore was recovered, taking the cumulative value to Rs. 390 crore and the total seized quantity to 191.5 kg.

The probe, which began in April when a man was nabbed with 52 grams of Mephedrone in Sakinaka, Western Mumbai, has so far led to the arrest of eight individuals.

(See DRUG on page 11)

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC) will be shifting electric poles to facilitate road widening project at Hullahalli town in Nanjangud, power supply will be disrupted in the areas coming under Hullahalli Feeder limits on Aug. 3, 4, 6 & 7 between 10 am and 7 pm, according to a press release from Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), CESC, Nanjangud Division.

Pratibha Puraskar

Honnusiri Multi-purpose Co-operative Society Ltd., having office at 1st Floor, Rathna Complex, Buddha Marga, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, has invited applications from meritorious children of the Society members who have scored more than 80 percent marks in SSLC and PUC Exams (2024-25), for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. Last date to apply, along with copies of marks card and other required documents, is Aug. 10. For details, call Ph: 0821-4253655 or Mob: 97419-30447.

Ayurveda camp

Cauvery Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital, located near Deve Gowda Circle, KBL Layout, Ring Road, is organising a week-long free Ayurveda Health Check-up Camp in the Hospital premises from Aug. 4 to 9. The camp features ear check-up and screening, Tinnitus management, ear wax removal, ear pain discharge management etc. [Ph: 0821-2970619 or Mob: 97317-99317]

Guest Lecturers

City based KSGH Music and Performing Arts University has invited applications from qualified candidates for appointment as Guest Lecturers in Mysuru campus and at Hubballi Centre (Gurukula) of the University. The qualified candidates for teaching Bharatanatyam, Hindustani Music, Karnatak Music, Drama, Kannada and English languages can apply before Aug. 9. For details, visit the University website: ***https://musicuniversity.ac.in*** or contact Mob: 94801-50826.

Office-bearers

The following were unanimously elected as the new office-bearers of Mysore Athletics Club, for the term 2025-30: Patron - Dr. C. Krishna, President - Chainsingh Rajpurohit, Vice-Presidents - C.K. Muralidharan and Mahadevaiah, Secretary - M. Yogendra, Organising Secretary & Coach - G.R. Prabhakar, Treasurer - K. Gururaj, Joint Secretaries - H.R. Ramaswamy and K. Gopinath, Organising Joint Secretary - B.K. Raje Urs, Public Relations Officer - B. Srikanth, Financial Advisor and Auditor - K.B. Gangadhar. [Mob: 97519-71978 or 94480-46667]

MCC's 'reuse' promise ends up in the dustbin

PET bottle recycling, cloth bag initiatives fizzle out as city drowns in plastic

The PET Bottle recycling machine that was launched by the MCC. Picture right shows former MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff operating the machine after inserting a PET bottle.

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (MK&BCT)- Launched under the banner 'Reuse for a Better Tomorrow,' the Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) ambitious PET bottle recycling project promised to transform public participation in plastic waste management through incentives.

But a year after its launch, the project has quietly faded from view, with machines lying idle and no visible expansion.

This lapse comes even as Mysuru recently secured third place in the national Super Swachh City League — a recognition that belies the ground reality of unregulated plastic bottle disposal across the city, particularly PET bottles used for packaged water and soft drinks.

Project never took off

The recycling initiative, unveiled last year by then Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff, began with a symbolic act — depositing a plastic bottle into the city's first recycling machine placed in front of the MCC office. The plan envisioned similar machines at bus stands and other high-footfall areas to encourage widespread participation.

Mysuru, which generates around 500 tonnes of waste daily, of which 25 percent is plastic, sought to tackle this burden by offering Re. 1 for every two PET bottles deposited. The scheme aimed to incentivise citizens to collect and return bottles rather than discard them irresponsibly.

However, the project stalled within months. Lack of sustained funding and administrative follow-through meant no further machines were installed, and public awareness campaigns fizzled out. Today, the lone machine remains the only reminder of an idea that never scaled.

Similar fate for cloth bag machines

In a parallel bid to curb plastic bag usage, MCC also proposed vending machines dispensing cloth bags at a nominal cost. The concept was simple: citizens could either scan a QR code and pay Rs. 10 via UPI or insert two Rs. 5 or one Rs. 10 coin to receive a cloth bag.

This initiative too failed to progress beyond the pilot stage. No vending machines were deployed across the city, and the scheme, like the PET project, quietly disappeared without official closure or review.

Despite its reputation as one of India's cleanest cities, Mysuru has seen little in the way of innovative waste management initiatives in recent times. The dream of reclaiming the No.1 spot in national cleanliness rankings appears distant, with garbage heaps and discarded plastic bottles still visible across tourist spots, temples and marketplaces.

Civic-minded residents argue that if these two projects had been properly implemented, they could have significantly boosted cleanliness, improved public awareness and reduced plastic waste in sensitive heritage and tourist zones.

Instead, they lament, the initiatives have joined the list of underutilised civic infrastructure, much like city's e-toilets, functional only in theory but rarely in practice.

PM-KUSUM-C Yojana

CESC MD warns of cancelling tender of dormant agencies

CESC Managing Director K.M. Munigopal Raju (2nd from left), chairing a progress review meeting on PM-KUSUM-C Yojana, at CESC Corporate Office, Vijayanagar in city recently.

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (BS)- Managing Director of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited, K.M. Munigopal Raju, has instructed the officials to work towards the effective implementation of PM-KUSUM-C Yojana.

He was addressing the officers at a meeting organised to review the progress of works under PM-KUSUM-C Yojana and the style of functioning of agencies, which have secured the contract for its implementation, at the corporate office of CESC at Vijayanagar 2nd stage in city recently.

Quoting the instructions received during the meeting chaired by Energy Minister regarding PM-KUSUM-C Yojana, CESC MD Munigopal Raju said, the deadline of Aug. 20 has been set to launch the works. Issue notice to those companies which are yet to start the works, prior to cancellation of tenders awarded to them and invite fresh tenders, he added.

Under PM-KUSUM-C, CESC has been given a target of producing minimum of 5 mw of power in three months. However, it is disappointing to note that, the agencies despite of signing the PPA several months ago are yet to begin with the works. If there are any disputes related to the designated place/ land, they should be addressed. Or else, the tenders of such agencies shall be called off, warned CESC MD Munigopal Raju.

He directed the agencies to initiate the works at whichever place is allotted, as there are several pitfalls to procure Government land. In case of non-availability of any place, one has to rely on private lands. Irrespective of extent of site, the agencies should be ready to start the works. The Executive Engineers of CESC, along with the Junior Engineers, should identify such sites for taking up the works.

CESC Director (Technical) D.J. Diwakar, Chief Engineer of CESC Mysuru Zonal Office Mruthyunjaya, Chief Engineer of CESC Hassan Zonal Office Harish, General Manager of IT and MIS Section Ramaswamy and other officers attended the meeting.

VOICE OF THE READER

Create dedicated hawker zones

Sir,

The issue of footpath encroachment has surfaced time and again in Mysuru. It is a widespread menace where most footpaths are not only taken over by vegetable vendors but also spill onto the roads, forcing pedestrians to walk on the carriageway — making them sitting ducks for fatal accidents.

The latest tragedy occurred at Vivekananda Circle near Srirampura Main Road when a KSRTC bus knocked down a scooterist, killing him on the spot (***Shops eat up... Roads!,*** *SOM* dated July 31).

It is a familiar pattern: Whenever there is a public outcry, the Police swing into action to clear the encroachments, only for them to return once the issue fades from public memory.

Hawker zones must be identified and created, and strict enforcement ensured so that footpaths remain free for pedestrians.

Encroachment is an all-India problem, and a significant number of pedestrian deaths are directly linked to it. Data indicates that a substantial percentage of fatalities occur because pedestrians are forced to walk on roads due to obstructed or non-existent footpaths.

The Supreme Court has also taken up this issue, emphasising the right to unobstructed footpaths under Article 21 of the Constitution.

National statistics reveal that between 2019 and 2023, 1.5 lakh pedestrians lost their lives in road crashes caused by footpath encroachments.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram
31.7.2025

Take your bike back...

K.R. Traffic Police appeal to owners

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (KS)- Various two-wheelers seized by Krishnaraja (KR) Traffic Police during a checking drive are lying in the Police Station premises as the owners have not claimed them back.

The Police have appealed the owners of 18 two-wheelers to take back their vehicles by visiting the Police Station and producing the documents of the vehicle, failing which the vehicles will be auctioned after taking permission from the Court. The money received through vehicle auction will be deposited with the Government, stated a press release.

The two-wheelers, lying in the Police Station premises are: Suzuki Lets (KA-09-HB-3861), Bajaj Discover (KA-09-HA-4620), Yamaha Libero DLX (KA-09-EE-4265), TVS Centra (KA-09-ED-3500), TVS XL Super (KA-09-ED-5702), Hero Honda Splendor (KA-09-EH-5801), Hero Honda Splendor Plus (KA-09-ED-4715), Hero Honda Passion Plus (KA-11-R-1619), Bajaj CT 100 (KA-09-EE-7814), Honda Activa (KA-04-EW-2605), Hero Honda Splendor (KA-02-EH-6689), Yamaha Crux (KA-09-EB-3159), Hero Honda Splendor Plus (KA-09-EH-2562), TVS Victor GX (KA-09-EF-2666), TVS Victor (KA-03-EQ-2312), Bajaj Platina (KA-09-EM-0722), TVS Victor (Engine Number 0F1G51439254) and Bajaj Platina (KA-09-EY-7301).

For further details, contact K.R. Traffic Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418330 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418541, according to a press release from the Police.

Ban orders around exam centres tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 2- With the NEET-PG entrance exam scheduled to take place at two centres in city tomorrow (Aug. 3), Police have clamped prohibitory orders in 200 mts. radius around the exam centres from 6 am to 6 pm on Sunday. The centres are: ICON Digital Zone, IDZ Hebbal Jyothirgamaya Mansion, 299/D, Hebbal Industrial Area, Opposite Bharath Cancer Hospital and Chandana Resource Centre, Sathagalli KSRTC Bus Stand Complex, 3rd Floor, Mahadevapura Main Road.

Accordingly, barring the examinees and the exam staff, no other unauthorised persons will be allowed entry to the centres and carrying of objectionable articles around the centres is strictly prohibited.

Also, all photo copy shops and browsing centres in the vicinity of the exam centres are ordered to shut down for the day, according to a press release issued by the Office of the City Police Commissioner.

Entries invited for Dasara short film competition

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (BS)- Mysuru Dasara Film Festival Sub-Committee-2025 has invited entries for the short film competition.

The short film should be of 10-minute duration including the title and have been produced between Nov. 2024 - Aug. 25. The films irrespective of language are eligible for entry. The video of the film should be submitted before Aug. 26.

The film should have been uploaded in MP4 format on Google Drive and the link should have been mentioned in the application.

For details contact E. Shreyas on Mob: 74115-64510.

The top three films will be considered for the award, along with awards given in the categories of Best Editing and Best Cinematography.

The award carries a cash prize and certificate. Besides, all the entries will be given a Certificate of Appreciation.

The decision of juries is final, and the award-winning films and best films will be screened at INOX Multiplex. Those films selected for screening should be submitted in DCP format.

The Sub-Committee holds the right to reject the films not fulfilling the conditions and rules, stated a press release from the Secretary of Film Festival Sub-Committee T.K. Harish, Assistant Director, Information and Public Relations Department.

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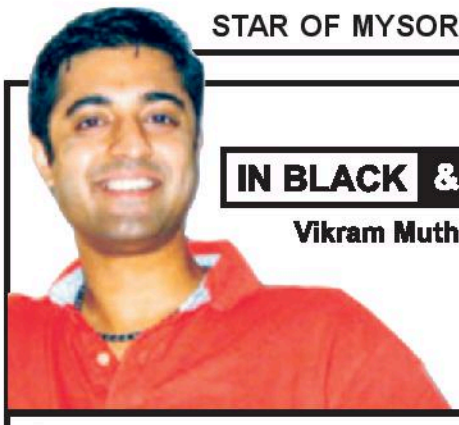

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

We need Dasara & ... DC needs HELP !

Mysureans love Dasara. Not just for its pageantry, elephants and fireworks, but because it's the only time of the year when our city gets a much-needed facelift.

Dasara is our Annual Civic Botox Session. Come October, our administration transforms into a cosmetologist, injecting quick Botox to beautify the city as best as possible.

Like a brigade of frantic beauticians for a bride, our administration goes to work on tourist areas of Mysuru by scrubbing roads, patching potholes, painting medians, relocating hawkers and dressing up Mysuru like a Bollywood bombshell.

The city sparkles with illumination. The main roads shimmer in the reflection of lights. There is order on the streets as the Police work overtime. But...

A few months later, like makeup that runs in the rain, the gloss wears off. Potholes reappear. Footpaths collapse. Street vendors reclaim their turf. And Mysuru slips back into its usual pre-festival muck of flex and chaos.

This makes us wonder what the state of Mysuru city would be if we didn't have Dasara. Ugh! It is for this reason that Mysureans must push to make Dasara a bigger and grander festival while also making the city a destination for global events.

Cities that host major global events stay in a constant state of grooming. Clean-ups aren't seasonal. Infrastructure is maintained, not patched. And best of all, tourism brings in clean, sustainable revenue, unlike heavy industry, which brings pollution and protest.

A Global Wellness Convention in Mysuru would be a good start. After all, India is becoming the biggest wellness destination.

The wellness tourism industry, which includes Yoga and Ayurveda, is now a 439-billion-dollar industry worldwide, and India is at the forefront with a growth rate of 22 percent.

And Mysuru, being a world-renowned Yoga Centre with numerous Spas and Ayurveda Colleges, is already at the cusp. All it needs is a little push in the form of a global convention, partly funded by the Government. This will do wonders for the city and its economy. But...

To do all this, you need an effective local administration and enthusiastic Corporators.

Unfortunately, while we often get enthusiastic Deputy Commissioners, the local leadership don't support them. Add to this, a Deputy Commissioner's workload and it seems impossible.

Many may recall our former DC, C. Shikha. A very efficient officer, who was burdened with heading 39 Committees!

Then came DC Abhiram G. Sankar, who had 35 Departments to run and was the Special Officer for 17 Dasara Sub-Committees!

Now, we have G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, ... who holds the unfortunate record of heading 61 Committees!

Sixty-one! That's right, from revenue collection to the Red Cross, from Poultry Fever Surveillance to Literacy Programmes, he oversees it all.

Apart from this, the DC is in charge of celebrations, from Ambedkar Jayanthi to Jagjivan Ram Jayanthi and of course from Republic Day to Dasara.

A DC has way too many hats to wear. He has to be an able administrator, an accounts manager, a project inspector, an usher when VIPs visit and an 'inaugurator' — after all, today every occasion calls for a chief guest from college fest to a lit fest.

Apart from this, he should also be a psychologist so he can gently pacify angry Pourakarmikas to keep the city clean.

Then he has to be a 'special masseuse' as he has to massage the ego of politicians.

He also has to be a monk, as he needs to have patience in abundance to handle the audacity and demands of politicians' *chelas.*

As if all this wasn't enough, the DC has to metamorphose into an event manager when Dasara arrives!

He has to coordinate between the Food Committee and the Hygiene Committee. He has to flag off elephants and approve decoration for the city.

When this is the workload, how can a DC do justice to his or her district?

Speaking of workload, at this rate, one day if the Dasara elephants fall sick, we shouldn't be surprised if a DC is asked to carry THE load — Golden Howdah on his own back!

And let's not forget: If everything goes well, politicians hog the credit. If it doesn't, the DC gets transferred.

Expecting one person to manage an entire district while also organising a global event is unrealistic, even cruel.

That's why the demand by former Mysuru Mayors for a Permanent Karnataka Dasara Authority deserves serious consideration.

Sure, their motivations may involve post-Mayor perks — but the idea is sound. A dedicated, semi-autonomous Dasara Authority — modelled after Karnataka Exhibition Authority — could professionalise the process.

And why not go a step further? Appoint a lean team of committed professionals and outsource operations to an experienced event management firm. That's how global events are run.

It's time we stopped treating Dasara like a village fair and started managing it like the world-class spectacle it could be.

To Mysureans, Dasara is more than tradition. It's our annual adrenaline shot, a time when the city wakes up, cleans up and shows up. It brings us light, colour, tourists, business, and for a fleeting moment... some pride.

The Government must build Mysuru beyond the 30-day Dasara sparkle. We need a Mysuru that glows year-round. A city that functions not because it's being watched, but because it wants to shine. The CM is from our city. Let's hope he makes it shine.

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UoM swimming pool in troubled waters

- Swimming Pool at Saraswathipuram shut since a week
- VC, Physical Education Director indulge in mudslinging
- Bone of contention is over chlorine used to treat the pool water

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (MK&BS)- The financial crunch at over a century old University of Mysore (UoM) is evident yet again, with the UoM Swimming Pool at Saraswathipuram shut, due to alleged lack of funds to buy chlorine to keep the pool water intact.

It has been close to a week since the pool is closed, leaving the regulars and budding swimmers in a state of lurch. The University Swimming Pool is also a landmark destination, attracting over 400 swimmers, including the amateurs daily. It functions in six batches three each in the morning and evening hours, apart from over 50 professional swimmers being trained in competition batch.

Those aware of the pool affairs, claim that the revenue generated through entry ticket to the pool is about Rs. 20 lakh per annum. Earlier, there were instances of generating revenue up to Rs. 40 lakh. However, in the following years, vested interests made deliberate attempts to hand over the maintenance of the pool to a private party. Hence there has been a lack of consistency in maintaining the pool, it is sad.

Deposition of algae

As the swimming pool is shut, there has been a widespread deposition of algae that has turned the water greenish. Foul smell is emanating from the water, with waste floating above, resembling the pathetic sight of the lakes usually seen in countryside.

With hundreds of people using the pool, it is compulsory to treat the pool water with chlorine as part of its maintenance, after every batch. Even a day's break from maintenance work, will lead to formation of algae in water. Those coming in contact with such water may also suffer from skin infections. So, it is utmost important to clean the water with chemical treatment without a miss.

Now, the nonchalant attitude of the Director of Physical Education, University of Mysore, is being blamed for the sorry state of affairs related to the swimming pool. The pool was inaugurated in the year 1976 and since then, several swimmers honed their skills and participated in University, State and National-level swimming championships, bringing laurels to the University of Mysore.

To reopen from Monday

However, when contacted UoM Physical Education Director Dr. C. Venkatesh denied any plans to hand over the maintenance of the swimming pool to a private party. "The pool has been now closed, as there was no stock of chemical used to treat the water. The pool will be reopened from Monday," he said.

Inadequate funds

"Despite generating sufficient income from the pool to the University, the latter is not releasing adequate funds towards the maintenance cost of the pool. The out-sourced staff are also not discharging their duties efficiently. We have been making all efforts to address the lacunae," said Dr. Venkatesh.

Blame the director, staff

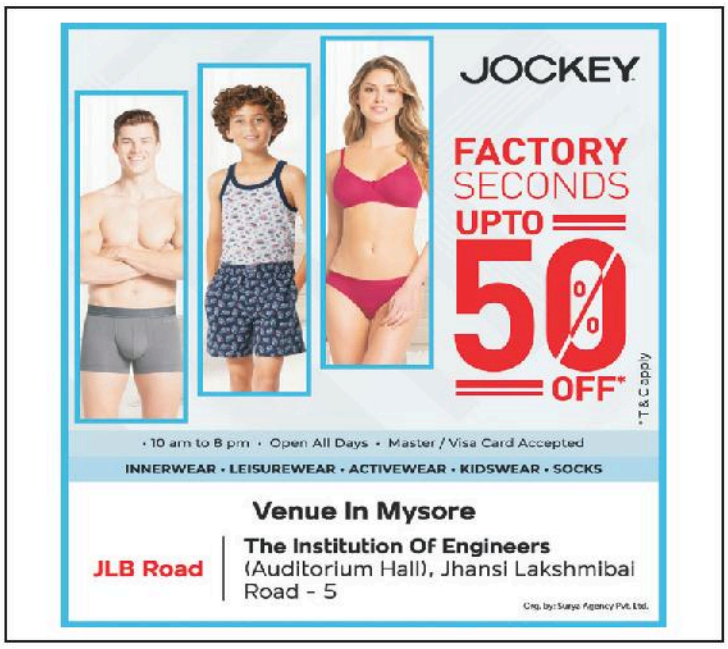
Amid this, UoM Vice-chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath called out the lapses on the part of the Physical Education Department Director and the staff. The old staff are also involved in pursuing their interests in running the pool according to their whims.

"As previous the tender to supply the chlorine has expired, the authorities should have informed higher ups in prior. But they waited till the expiry of tender period. The fresh tenders will be floated soon," assured Prof. Lokanath.

Protest staged outside pool

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (MTY&BS)- The regulars of University of Mysore (UoM) swimming pool at Saraswathipuram in the city, staged a protest on Thursday alleging that, there has been a conspiracy to hand over the maintenance of the pool to a private party. Hence the pool is shut without any prior notice.

Swimmers Lakshmi Venkatesh, Nagesh, Janardhan, Somashekar, Suneel, Raghu, Mohan, Ramachandre Gowda, Shivashankar, Nagaraj and others, who staged a protest in front of the pool, alleged that, an influential person at the Physical Education Department of the University, have a nefarious interest of handing over the pool maintenance to his relative. Hence the situation is being created over the non-maintenance of the pool, citing non-availability of chlorine to treat the pool water.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Dr. Rajkumar's sister Nagamma passes away

Nagamma

Chamarajanagar, Aug. 2- Late thespian Dr. Rajkumar's younger sister Nagamma (94) passed away due to age-related ailments at her residence in Doddagajanur of Talavadi taluk, Tamil Nadu, bordering Chamarajanagar district, on Friday.

Nagamma, who was staying at her farmhouse, leaves behind 4 sons and 2 daughters. The last rites were performed on the land of her farmhouse on Saturday, according to family sources. Dr. Rajkumar's family members were among those who attended her funeral.

Whenever actors Shivarajkumar and the late Puneeth Rajkumar, the sons of late Kannada matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar, used to come to Chamarajanagar, they used to meet their aunt Nagamma and enquire about her health. She was very fond of Puneeth Rajkumar and was not told about his demise, it is learnt.

Nagamma had stayed with Dr. Rajkumar at his house in Chennai and in Bengaluru decades ago and had taken care of his children along with hers.

Later, due to her old age, she returned to Doddagajanur and stayed at her farmhouse.

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Warrior Women eye Maharani Trophy

Mysore Warriors Women's team seen with Cycle Pure Agarbathi Managing Director and Team Owner Arjun Ranga, NR Group Chairman R. Guru, Women's Team Head Coach Karuna Jain and other support staff during the team introduction held at a private hotel in city this morning.

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

After establishing themselves as one of the most prolific and sought-after franchises in Karnataka men's cricket, the Mysore Warriors are now ready to make a mark in women's cricket. The team is set to compete in the upcoming KSCA Maharani Trophy T20 Tournament, scheduled to take place from Aug. 4 to 10 at the Alur Grounds in Bengaluru.

The Warriors have appointed former India international and Ekalavya awardee Karuna Jain as Head Coach. Under her guidance, the women's squad has been undergoing intensive preparations for the tournament. The team will be led by Shubha Satheesh, a seasoned player who has represented the Indian Women's Test team.

The line-up boasts significant experience, featuring senior players such as Sahana S. Pawar, who has played for India 'A' Women, Karnataka Senior Women and RCB; Pooja Kumari, a member of the Karnataka Senior Women's team; and P. Rohita Chowdry and Shishira A. Gowda, both seasoned Karnataka representatives. Their presence adds depth and stability to the squad.

In addition to Shubha, team includes three Mysuru-based players — Deeksha J. Honnushree, Tanvi Raj and Kusuma Gowda — further strengthening local connect.

Assisting Karuna Jain in coaching duties will be S. Rajath, a Mysuru-based coach credited with nurturing several women cricketers who have gone on to represent Karnataka at various age levels, including one who broke into the national side.

With comprehensive training facilities and strong backing from the franchise management, Mysore Warriors Women are determined to put up a commanding performance and aim to bring the Maharani Trophy home to Mysuru.

The Warrioress behind Women Warriors

Karuna Jain, a former international cricketer, is a familiar name in the cricketing fraternity, not only in Karnataka but across the country. Born in Bengaluru, she has represented India, Karnataka, Pondicherry and South Zone with distinction.

A wicket-keeper-batter, Karuna donned the India jersey in five Test matches, 44 ODIs and nine T20Is, and was part of the Women's World Cup squads in 2005 and 2013 as well as the 2014 T20 World Cup.

After announcing her retirement from all forms of cricket in 2022, Karuna transitioned into coaching and has since been mentoring budding women cricketers in Karnataka. She has served as head coach for multiple women's teams across different age groups. She now steps into a new role — leading the Mysore Warriors women's team at the inaugural KSCA Maharani Trophy T20 Tournament, scheduled to be held in Bengaluru from Aug. 4 to 10.

***Star of Mysore* caught up with Karuna Jain at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Mysuru to discuss the team's preparations and her thoughts ahead of the tournament.** *Excerpts…*

Star of Mysore (SOM): What are your thoughts on the Maharani T20 Tournament being organised by KSCA for the first time?

Karuna Jain: We are delighted. There had been discussions on two or three occasions earlier about organising this tournament, and I'm glad it's finally happening in a full-fledged manner this year. More importantly, I'm happy for the girls — many of them come from mofussil centres like Hubballi, Dharwad, Mangaluru and Mysuru, apart from Bengaluru. This platform allows them to perform and showcase their skills.

SOM: How do tournaments like these benefit women cricketers?

Karuna Jain: Tournaments of this nature are a big opportunity for cricketers who are not yet part of the State team. Competing alongside and against players who are already performing at the highest level helps improve their skills and raises their competitiveness. It also pushes them to prepare better and put in extra hard work to ensure they make it to State teams in future tournaments, which I believe is a crucial factor in their development.

SOM: Could you tell us about the current Mysore Warriors women's team?

Karuna Jain: I'm very happy with how things have progressed so far. Before the auction, we had a clear idea about the players we wanted — particularly Shubha Satheesh, a Mysuru native, to lead the side.

We were also keen to bring in senior player Shishira. Along with them, we have Pooja Kumari and Sahana, who are part of the State's core team, making this a well-balanced squad. In addition, several talented youngsters have joined, bringing a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the team.

SOM: Having played international cricket, how do you think women's cricket has evolved?

Karuna Jain: It has surely moved onward and upward. Since 2017, women's cricket in the country has grown tremendously, and with the advent of the Women's Premier League (WPL), the pace of evolution has been even quicker.

A lot of youngsters have taken up cricket over the past two to three years. Besides Karnataka's talent pool, several other young players have been part of the auctions. Karnataka, in particular, has a strong bench strength of young cricketers who will certainly give tough competition to senior players.

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Women's cricket is a decade behind at grassroots: Arjun Ranga

Arjun Ranga, Managing Director of Cycle Pure Agarbathi, has long been a passionate supporter of sports and a consistent backer of Mysuru's sporting talent. The company-owned Mysore Warriors franchise is among the most popular teams in Karnataka's domestic cricket, with players aspiring to represent the side in the Maharaja Trophy organised by the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA).

Earlier this year, under Ranga's leadership, the Mysore Warriors Golf Team clinched the inaugural Mysore Golf League (MGL). Now, expanding its sporting footprint, the franchise is set to make its debut in women's cricket with the Mysore Warriors Women's team.

***Star of Mysore* caught up with Arjun Ranga to discuss the motivation behind this move into women's cricket and the road ahead for the Warriors franchise.** *Excerpts…*

Star of Mysore (SOM): What inspired the Mysore Warriors to venture into women's cricket?

Arjun Ranga: As a brand, Cycle Pure Agarbathi has always believed in and been empowered by women. Nearly 80 percent of our company's workforce comprises women.

For over four decades, we have been engaged in women's empowerment initiatives through our NR Community Centre and a special school for visually impaired girls. Cricket, we believe, is an equally important arena for women to express themselves, and it felt natural for us to create a women's team as part of this vision.

SOM: Compared to men's cricket, there is limited data available on women's cricket. How did you strategise before the players' auction?

Arjun Ranga: If you recall, back in 2014 when the Karnataka Premier League began, the data for men's cricket was roughly where women's cricket data stands today. At the grassroots level, women's cricket is about 10 to 15 years behind men's in terms of statistics and match exposure.

However, sufficient data is available at the State and National levels. We analysed league records of players across various levels and created a pool of around 90 top cricketers in Karnataka. With insights from our coaches, we were able to assemble the squad we wanted.

SOM: What was the idea behind appointing Karuna Jain as Head Coach of the women's team?

Arjun Ranga: I consulted our men's team head coach, Rx Murali and shortlisted a few candidates based on his recommendations. He is also the batting coach for the Royal Challengers Bengaluru women's team, so he has great insights into women's coaching talent. He felt Karuna Jain would be the perfect fit for us — someone who embodies the brand of cricket Mysore Warriors aspire to play. Her vast international experience and credentials as a certified senior coach make her an invaluable asset to the team.

SOM: Having been actively involved in the players' auction, how do you rate the current Mysore Warriors women's team?

Arjun Ranga: We are the only team with five senior cricketers from the Karnataka State side, so I would rate ours among the top teams. That said, the auction went well for all franchises and each team was able to execute its plans effectively. Of course, the auction is only 50 percent of the work — the rest depends on practice and on-field execution, which our coach and support staff are handling brilliantly.

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New role beckons for Shubha Satheesh

Shubha Satheesh holds the distinction of being the first woman cricketer from Mysuru to represent the Indian Women's Cricket Team. She made her domestic debut for Karnataka in 2012 against Andhra Pradesh and has since carved a formidable career, amassing 1,275 runs in 52 Women's List A matches. Her standout season came during the 2020-21 Women's Senior One Day Trophy, where she was the fourth-highest run-scorer with 346 runs, including four half-centuries.

Shubha's international breakthrough arrived in 2023 when she debuted in the lone Test against England at D.Y. Patil Stadium, Mumbai, scoring an impressive 69 runs in the first innings. Though injury sidelined her from the subsequent Australia series, she bounced back strongly, featuring in the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) Women's team that clinched the 2024 Women's Premier League title.

Now, Shubha steps into a new role — captaining the Mysore Warriors Women in the inaugural KSCA Maharani Trophy T20 Tournament.

***Star of Mysore* caught up with Shubha during the team's training session at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium to discuss preparations, leadership and the road ahead.** *Excerpts…*

Star of Mysore (SOM): What are your thoughts on KSCA organising the Maharani Trophy for women cricketers in Karnataka?

Shubha Satheesh: I am thrilled that KSCA and the franchisees have come forward to organise this tournament. It's a great platform for all of us to showcase our skills in the field. Such tournaments not only help us perform but also prepare us for bigger stages like the WPL, as well as national and international competitions.

SOM: How has the Mysore Warriors team been preparing for the tournament?

Shubha Satheesh: Preparations have been excellent. We have a well-balanced team with a mix of experienced and young cricketers. The team is excited and looking forward to the tournament. We are confident of doing well and aiming to emerge victorious.

SOM: How do you feel about leading the Mysore Warriors in the inaugural tournament?

Shubha Satheesh: It is a matter of great pride for me, being a Mysurean, to lead the Mysore Warriors team. I am thankful to the management for trusting me with this responsibility. As captain, I hope we perform well and bring home the title in this very first edition.

SOM: As a senior cricketer, how do you think your experience will help the team?

Shubha Satheesh: I am very happy with the team we have. I believe we have one of the best squads, and my goal is to help us lift the trophy in this inaugural season. My experience, along with that of other senior players, will come into play in handling pressure and crucial match situations. It's equally important for the youngsters to learn to adapt to such challenges, and tournaments like this are perfect for giving them that exposure.

SOM: India will be co-hosting the Women's ODI World Cup later this year. Are you looking to make a comeback to the Indian team?

Shubha Satheesh: Definitely yes. I have been preparing myself with that goal in mind. I aim to represent India in all three formats — Tests, ODIs and T20s. My job is to focus on playing good cricket and performing consistently; the rest is in the hands of the national selectors.

SOM: What would you like to say about the Mysore Warriors team management?

Shubha Satheesh: The Mysore Warriors management is one of the best I've been associated with so far. They have been outstanding in providing us with top-class facilities and support. The way they treat the players is commendable, and they ensure that all our needs are met — often even before we ask for them.

71st National Film Awards

City's film-maker wins award for short film

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (VNS)- City-based film maker Dr. Chidananda Naik has made Mysuru proud by winning National Film Award for his short film 'Sunflowers were the first ones to know...'

The Government of India, yesterday announced the winners of the 71st National Film Awards for the year 2023 in which Dr. Chidananda directorial short film has been awarded for the 'Best Script.' The short film had also qualified for the 97th Academy Awards (Oscar Award) in the Live Action Short Film category in 2024.

'Sunflowers were the first ones to know...' had also won the first prize of La Cinef for Best Short Film at the 77th Cannes Film Festival held last year.

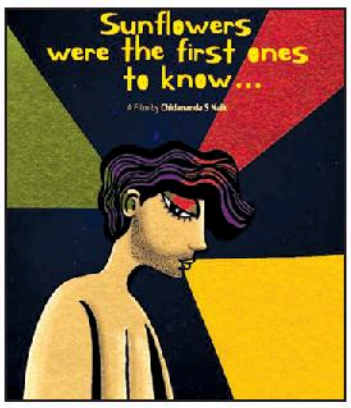
Dr. Chidananda is an alumnus of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI). After completing his MBBS course, Chidananda joined the Pune-based Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) and graduated in Film Direction.

He is the son of Prof. Shekar Naik, Head, Department of Food Sciences and Nutrition, Yuvaraja's College and Vinoda Bai, residents of Kuvempunagar in city.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Chidananda Naik expressed his happiness for his short film winning National Film Award.

"It is a real motivation when genuine efforts are being recognised. The award belongs to the entire team. My family, which has supported me, are also elated by the news," he added.

Dr. Chidananda Naik



Poster of the short film.

Kodagu's Yeshodha wins

Best Kannada Movie for 'Kandeelu'

Kannada movie 'Kandeelu' was declared as the 'Best Kannada' feature film. The movie is produced and directed Yeshodha Prakash Kottukathira of Madikeri. 'Kandeelu' was the 2nd Best Kannada film at the 15th Bengaluru International Film Festival.

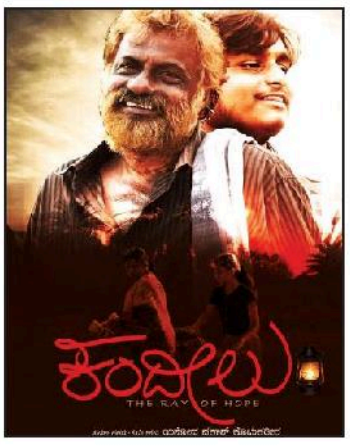
Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Yeshodha said, she was very happy for the movie winning the National Award and added the award belong to the artistes, technicians and all others who had worked for the movie.

Yeshodha, a resident of Madikeri, works as Accounts Manager with a private veterinary pharmaceutical company in Bengaluru.

'Kandeelu' is about Seeba, a poor farmer, who dreams of owning a farm and a house for his family but struggles to make ends meet. He sends his son abroad with hope of fulfilling his dream, but is shattered when the son tragically dies abroad. Determined to perform his son's last rites and bring his mortal remains back home, Seeba, along with his wife and daughter, exhausts all possible options. And to his dismay, those he looked up to, turn a blind eye to his plight.

As the village festival approaches, Seeba, who is a custodian of a specific ritual, is torn between conflicting emotions of duty and sorrow. The movie revolves around socio-political issues faced by vulnerable, the conflict between heart and mind, and the healing power of nature's love.

Yeshodha Prakash Kottukathira

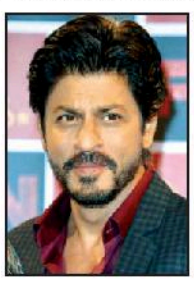


Poster of the feature film.

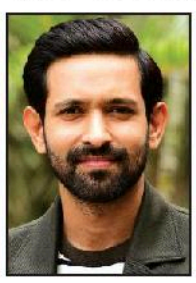
Shah Rukh Khan wins his first-ever

Best Actor award, Rani Mukerji is Best Actress

New Delhi, Aug. 2- The 71st National Film Awards for the year 2023 were announced yesterday. Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan won his first-ever Best Actor National Award for the movie *Jawan*. He will be sharing the award with Vikrant Massey whose acting was well appreciated in the movie *12th Fail*. Actress Rani Mukerji was chosen as the Best Actress for the movie *Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway*.



Shah Rukh Khan



Vikrant Massey

Rani Mukerji

'Women's cricket is a decade behind at grassroots'

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SOM: How do you see this tournament contributing to the growth of women's cricket in Karnataka?

Arjun Ranga: This is a tremendous initiative by KSCA and its Managing Committee to revive women's cricket on such a large scale. It will undoubtedly spark interest among youngsters and, importantly, help build a database of player statistics and performance analysis. This is how a foundation is laid — starting small and growing bigger each year. For many youngsters, this is the first real opportunity to showcase their talent. In our team alone, we have six to seven players aged between 15 and 18, and this platform is invaluable for their development.

SOM: Your thoughts on Shubha Satheesh?

Arjun Ranga: She is a fantastic player and a tremendous asset to Mysore Warriors. Shubha will be leading our side in the Maharani Trophy and there's no better choice. She is only the second cricketer from Mysuru, after Javagal Srinath, to represent India in Test cricket. Her experience and stature make her the perfect leader for our women's team.

Warrioress behind Women Warriors

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SOM: Compared to earlier days, women cricketers are receiving a lot of popularity and attention. What do you have to say about this change?

Karuna Jain: Ever since India reached the semi-finals and finals of the World Cup, women's cricket has gained tremendous momentum. Today, matches are telecast live across the world, which was unimaginable about a decade ago when there were fewer matches and hardly any live coverage. The exposure has motivated players to put in greater effort and work even harder.

In Karnataka, the women's U-19, U-23 and senior teams have been performing exceptionally well across formats. The U-19 girls' team, in fact, have been champions twice before, and I can confidently say that the current team is one of the best—they have some brilliant batters you will soon see making their mark on the field.

SOM: Where do you think the Indian women's team is lacking, given that they have not been able to win a World Cup despite reaching the finals on three occasions?

Karuna Jain: I think we have faltered in crunch situations. Players from England and Australia face high-pressure moments more frequently due to the numerous leagues they participate in, which mentally prepares them for those critical stages.

That said, our performance over the last two years has been outstanding. I genuinely believe we have a strong chance of lifting the ODI World Cup this year, especially with the home advantage. Of course, Australia remains a formidable side given their consistent success, but with our current form — particularly after beating England in England — I'm optimistic that we can carry this momentum and finally clinch the title.

SOM: Coming back to the Maharani Trophy, how do you assess the chances of the Mysore Warriors team?

Karuna Jain: We've been preparing well for the tournament. Both the senior players and I are confident about performing well. Once confidence sets in, the atmosphere within the team becomes positive and energised. With the backing of our team owner, Arjun Ranga, we've managed to put together the squad we wanted. We're mentally prepared, and if everything goes according to plan, Aug. 10 — the final day — isn't too far for us to aim for.

SOM: Your thoughts on the Mysore Warriors team management?

Karuna Jain: Sheer brilliance. Honestly, I had never given much thought to preparations before the players' auction, as it was my first experience in this format. But Arjun Ranga had already worked out six to seven different team combinations in advance. On the day of the auction, I wasn't nervous at all because I was surrounded by a group of people who were well-experienced and well-prepared.

The management has been outstanding and has provided us with everything we've asked for. For instance, when I requested open-wicket practice sessions, they immediately shifted us to Mysuru to ensure the players had the best facilities to train. With such support from the management, the onus is now on the players to step up and deliver on the field.

Drug quantity seized from Mysuru shed

Mismatch flagged in figures

given by Mumbai, Mysuru Police

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (GA&BCT)- State Secretary of Karnataka Rashtra Samiti Party, Ravikumar, has called for a high-level investigation into discrepancies between data provided by the Maharashtra Police and the Mysuru City Police regarding the quantity of mephedrone (MD) seized from a drug manufacturing unit located along the Outer Ring Road.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan yesterday, he said conflicting statements issued by the Mysuru City Police Commissioner and the Mumbai Police have created widespread doubts among the public regarding the quantity of the seizure.

He also drew attention to the suspension of N.R. Police Station Inspector Lakshmikanth K. Talawar following the raid, only for the suspension to be revoked a day later and the inspector subsequently named as the complainant, a move he described as questionable.

Ravikumar demanded an inquiry into why officials remained silent despite the illegal unit functioning within their jurisdiction. He added that his party has already submitted a petition to the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) seeking strict action to curb illegal drug trafficking and misuse.

The press conference was attended by Mahadevamma and Venugopal.

Excise Dy.SP conducts inquiry,

orders crackdown on narcotics network

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (BCT)- Following the discovery of a large quantity of drugs in a shed at Belavatha on Mysuru Outer Ring Road (ORR) and registration of the case by the Mumbai Police in Maharashtra, suspicion has grown that narcotics may have been supplied from Mysuru.

In a proactive step aimed at tightening surveillance and curbing drug-related offences across the city, Excise Dy.SP, Mysuru Sub-Division, conducted an inquiry of individuals previously accused in NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) cases within the Sub-Division, at the Mysuru Sub-Division Office.

During the inquiry, past accused were warned against re-engaging in NDPS-related activities, with officials emphasising that strict legal action would be taken against anyone found participating in narcotics crimes.

All Excise Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and staff under the Mysuru Sub-Division were directed to closely monitor individuals involved in NDPS cases, identify and raid suspicious locations linked to drug sale, transport or production and promptly register cases if illegal activities are detected.

Drug seizure value mounts to Rs. 435 cr.

(Continued from page 3)

Interrogation of the accused pointed Police to the latest 22-kg consignment in Powai, further exposing scale of narcotics network. With this seizure, the total haul in the case now stands at over 213 kg of Mephedrone, valued at nearly Rs. 435 crore. Investigations under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act are ongoing to unravel the peddling network and trace the supply chain of raw materials used in manufacturing the synthetic drug.

Distribution of smart cards for unorganised workers on Aug. 6

Mysuru, Aug. 2- Smart cards will be distributed to unorganised workers from various classes of Mysuru district under the joint aegis of Karnataka State Unorganised Workers Social Security Board, Labour Department, Transport Department, District Administration and Mysuru Zilla Panchayat at Kalamandira on Aug. 6 at 3 pm.

The event also features awareness programmes on the schemes and benefits of Karnataka State Unorganised workers Social Security Board.

Stray dogs, poor hygiene draw

Upa Lokayukta's ire at K.R. Hospital

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (DM)- Continuing his inspection of various Government facilities for the third consecutive day in the city, Karnataka Upa Lokayukta Justice K.N. Phaneendra visited the century-old K.R. Hospital in the heart of the city this morning.

Justice Phaneendra inspected every ward of the hospital and interacted with patients about the quality of treatment they were receiving, the condition of toilets, food served to them and other amenities. He also sought inputs from hospital doctors regarding X-Ray, scanning and laboratory facilities available at the Hospital.

After examining the drinking water supply, quality of food, toilet facilities and overall hygiene, he directed doctors and other hospital staff to maintain courteous behaviour towards patients.

The Upa Lokayukta also heard complaints from patients about demands for money, lack of cleanliness, shortage of 'D' Group employees and other such shortcomings. He warned hospital staff of legal action if they were found soliciting money from patients for treatment.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Phaneendra urged hospital staff to prioritise cleanliness, hygiene and courteous service. Questioning staff about the presence of stray dogs inside the premises, he warned of action for negligence and apathy.

Stating that he had received complaints from patients and caretakers about bribe demands, he assured that suitable action would be taken against errant staff. The Upa Lokayukta also sought inputs on various hospital-related matters from MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayini.

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, ZP CEO S. Ukesh Kumar, K.R. Hospital Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Dr. Nayaz Pasha and other officials were present.

MCC officials asked to adopt scientific waste management

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (MTY&DM)- Karnataka Upa Lokayukta Justice K.N. Phaneendra visited the sewage water treatment plant and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) solid waste management plant at Kesare on Friday morning and inspected both facilities.

Justice Phaneendra first visited the sewage water treatment plant, where he inspected the equipment, machinery, functioning and maintenance of the facility. Expressing satisfaction with its upkeep, he appreciated the efforts of the staff and suggested planting useful trees after clearing the bushes and shrubs that had grown around the plant.

He later inspected the solid waste management plant, during which residents of the surrounding area complained about health issues caused by the plant's operations.

Responding to their concerns, he directed officials to adopt more scientific methods of waste management and to collect health-related data from residents living within a five-kilometre radius of the facility. He further instructed that no sites be allotted within 500 metres of the plant and called for measures to prevent foul odour emissions that pose health hazards.

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, ZP CEO S. Ukesh Kumar, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB) Executive Engineer Asif and other officials were present.

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Notice is hereby issued to the General Public that **Smt. Radha Shivaram** W/o Late K. Shivarame Gowda, House No. 663, JCST 1st Stage, E&F Block, Kuvempunagara, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysore - 570023 has agreed to sell the Schedule Property to my client/s. Any person/s asserting any right, title, interest or claim, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the schedule property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned along with documentary evidence at # 1493, 1st Floor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road, Krishnamurthy Puram, Mysuru - 570004 within **14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of this Public Notice, failing which such claim/s shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up and my clients shall be entitled to complete the sale transaction that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with respect of the schedule property.
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Mysore Elite Round Table-256 team

Seen are (from left) ***LMF Tr. Sunil Gowda (Immediate Past Chairman), LMF Tr. Rahul Jain (Vice-Chairman), LMF Tr. Shiva Swaroop Urs (Chairman),LMF Tr. Suprem Gowda (Secretary) and LMF Tr. Ajit Gowda (Treasurer).***

Mysuru, Aug. 2- Mysore Elite Round Table-256 (MERT-256), part of the prestigious Round Table India movement, held its Annual General Meeting recently at Luxe-Atmosphere, Mysuru.

The event marked the official takeover of the new leadership team for the year 2025-26.

LMF Tr. Shiva Swaroop Urs took over as Chairman for the year with LMF Tr. Rahul Jain as Vice-Chairman, LMF Tr. Suprem Gowda as Secretary, LMF Tr. Ajith Gowda as Treasurer and LMF Tr. Sunil Gowda as the Immediate Past Chairman.

"This year, the Table will work under the theme 'Kingsman,' which sets the tone for bold leadership and impactful service. The guiding motto, 'Dream it. Dare it. Do it.' reflects a call to action — to envision change, take risks and bring meaningful projects to life," stated a press release from LMF Tr. Shiva Swaroop Urs.

AGM of Pombolak Kodava Koota held

Mysuru, Aug. 2- The 3rd Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) and get-together of Pombolak Kodava Koota located at Vjayanagar 4th Stage, was held recently at Kodava Samaja, Mysuru.

Mundotira Jaya Changappa presided. Ajjinikanda C. Mahesh, Editor of *Poomale* Newspaper and President of Karnataka Kodava Sahitya Academy, was the chief guest.

On the occasion, Ajjinikanda Mahesh and Pemmanda Suraj, DySP, Madikeri, were felicitated for their contributions.

The newly elected office-bearers and Committee Members of Pombolak Kodava Koota for the term 2025-2028 are as follows:

President - Mundotira Jaya Changappa, Vice-President - Thatira Bheemaiah, Secretary- Chottanda Changappa, Joint Secretary - Dr. Theertharamada Devaki, Treasurer - Nandanevanda Nanaiah, Sports Secretary- Adikera Sajan Kariappa.

Committee Members: Boppanda Appaji, Chottemada Ganapathy, Mullanda Vinu, Bollajira Vidya Rajith and Chambanda Rajani Appaiah.

Ammanda Somaiah, Mallengada Saranu Somaiah and Theetira Beena with the other Committee Members co-ordinated the event.

Mundotira Kavin Kushalappa compered the programme.

Office-bearers of Lions Mysore South

The new team of office-bearers of Lions Club of Mysore South was installed for the Lionistic year 2025-26 recently. Ln. Dr. G.A. Ramesh PMJF, Past District Governor of Lions International, District 317 G, installed the team headed by Ln. Satish Babu in a function held at Hotel Soho, Mysuru. Seen in the picture are (from left) ***Ln. Shaju Joseph, Ln. Nagesh Bargi MJF, Ln. P.K. Somaiah PMJF, Ln. P. Rajan MJF, Ln. S. Vasuki, Region Chairperson, Ln. Ranjit Hegde, Ln. Rishab Dev, Ln. Lady Sukanya Satish, Ln. Satish Babu, Ln. Vinod Rashinkar, Ln. Sriprakash, Ln. Dr. G.A. Ramesh PMJF, Ln. G.S. Santhosh, Ln. H.G. Vittala MJF, Ln. B.S. Bhanuprasad, Ln. T. Shashi Kumar, Zone Chairperson, Ln. H.P. Jagadish, Ln. Y.N. Satish, Ln. L.P. Dharma Manjunath, Ln. N.V. Satish and Ln. R.G. Shankar.***

Muguru Sangha distributes scholarship

Muguru Karnataka Brahmana Sangha recently distributed scholarship to 53 economically backward students at Sharada Nikethana in Chamundipuram, Mysuru, in association with H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga. Sangha President M. Vishwanathaiah, Secretary K.R. Manjunath and former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev distributed the scholarship to students in the presence of Sangha Directors.

Handloom Expo at JSS Urban Haat to conclude on Aug. 5

Mysuru, Aug. 2- It's the season of festivals and fairs, and adding a unique charm to this festive joy is a special collection of hand-crafted products, now right at the doorstep of Mysureans.

Providing a vibrant platform for this celebration is the JSS Mysore Urban Haat, located in the industrial area of Hebbal along the Ring Road.

Like every year, the Urban Haat has come alive with a unique exhibition, and this time it's even more customer-friendly with a special handloom exhibition under one roof.

Running till Aug. 5, the State Handloom Exhibition and Sale — 'Hathkargha Mela 2025' — is being organised in collaboration with the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi; the Department of Handlooms & Textiles, Government of Karnataka; Karnataka State Co-operative Handloom Weavers Federation Ltd.; and hosted by JSS Mysore Urban Haat. **The expo will be open daily from 10 am to 9 pm. Entry is free.**

The primary goal of this Handloom Expo is to provide greater market access to handloom weavers and Co-operative Societies, while also promoting their traditional skills and craftsmanship. One of the highlights of this expo is the availability of high-quality, unique traditional products at affordable prices, sold directly by weavers without any middlemen.

80 stalls

In total, over 80 stalls are open at the exhibition, bringing together the cultural richness of India's handloom and handicraft traditions under one roof: Molakalmuru silk sarees from Chitradurga (available at stalls 5 and 9), which have become a crowd favourite.

Ilkal sarees from Gadag's Saleshwara Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Society, showcasing exquisite traditional craftsmanship; Authentic Kanchipuram silk sarees from Tamil Nadu are in high demand, especially at The Chenkumar Primary Handloom Weavers Co-op. Production & Sale Society Ltd., offering sarees, bed covers and more at affordable prices.

• Pure Banarasi silk sarees from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, are also drawing large crowds.

• From Andhra Pradesh, Gadwal silk sarees, Kalamkari and Uppada sarees are on display at the Andhra Pradesh State Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society stall.

State-level 'Pariksha Spoorthi Guru Shreshtha Award-2025'

Mysuru, Aug. 2 - In a bid to recognise and honour senior CBSE school teachers across Karnataka who have inspired a deep interest in the Kannada language, the Pariksha Spoorthi Foundation, in collaboration with the District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, will host the State-level Pariksha Spoorthi Guru Shreshtha Award -2025 ceremony in Mysuru.

The event is scheduled for Sunday (Aug.3) at 10 am at Navajyoti Auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram.

Instituted with the goal of promoting Kannada language education at the School level, the award seeks to elevate the role of Kannada teachers and ensure the language receives its rightful place within the CBSE curriculum. The initiative is also a step toward preserving Kannada and instilling pride in students about their linguistic heritage.

This year, 170 Kannada teachers from across the State — Chamarajanagar to Belagavi — have been selected. All awardees have taught students who scored 100 marks in Kannada in 2024 CBSE Class 10 exams.

The ceremony will be presided over by Gundlupet MLA Ganesh Prasad, while MLC K. Vivekananda will inaugurate the event. Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa will felicitate the awardees.

The event is being organised under the guidance of Niranjanamurthy, Deputy Director of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, College Education Division and Maddikere Gopal, President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat.

100 days of festivities to mark centenary of A. Shankara Chetty & Sons

A. Shankara Chetty & Sons Partner Adarsh K. Murthy addressing a press conference in city on Thursday as Partners A.G. Krishnamurthy, Lakshmi Murthy and Pallavi Adarsh look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (GA&BCT)- A. Shankara Chetty & Sons, K.R. Circle, Mysuru — one of the city's most reputed jewellery houses — is celebrating its centenary year, marking 100 years of excellence, tradition and integrity.

Founded in 1925 by A. Gopala Chetty in memory of his father, Sri A. Shankara Chetty, the brand has grown from humble beginnings into a name synonymous with timeless royal elegance and artisanal mastery.

Addressing a press conference at the jewellery store on Thursday, Partner Adarsh K. Murthy announced that as part of the centenary celebrations — 'Shatamanotsav' — a 100-day festivity will be held from Aug. 2 to Nov. 9.

On Aug. 3, at 1.30 pm, Member of Parliament and titular head of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, will unveil the 100 Years Commemorative Logo, marking the official launch of the celebrations.

The 'Shatamanotsav' will feature 100 days of grand festivities and special offers, including Rs. 600 off per gram on gold jewellery, Rs. 1,000 off per carat on diamond jewellery and Rs. 1,000 off per kilogram on silver articles.

Adding to the excitement, every purchase during the 100-day celebration will entitle customers to lucky coupons, offering a chance to win fabulous prizes — 100 diamond rings, one diamond necklace, a bumper gold prize, 5 kg silver prizes, daily gold and silver coin giveaways, and more, Adarsh said.

Gandaberunda exhibit

As a tribute to Mysuru's cultural heritage, the celebrations will feature a Gandaberunda Exhibit — a magnificent collection inspired by the legendary royal emblem of Karnataka. Symbolising strength, protection and regal heritage, the two-headed mythical bird will be brought to life through exquisitely crafted jewels in pure gold and silver.

Launch of digital app

In a move that blends legacy with innovation, the brand will go fully digital. The launch of its official mobile app will allow customers to begin their gold journey from as little as Rs. 10, and shop anytime, anywhere — 24/7.

The brand will also unveil Mysore Medallions — finely minted pure silver medallions created as a rare tribute to the Royal Heritage City.

Mysuru theatre artistes allege bias in Nataka Academy awards

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (GA&BS)- Mysuru Jilla Havyasi Rangakarmigala Vedike, an association of amateur theatre enthusiasts, has accused the Karnataka Nataka Academy of sidelining Mysuru's artistes in the selection of its annual awards.

Addressing reporters at Patrakarthara Bhavan, former Rangayana Director C. Basavalingaiah alleged that of the 93 awards conferred by the Academy this year, nearly 50 have gone to Bengaluru-based artistes.

"Artistes residing in Mysuru are being ignored, while those originally from Mysuru but settled in Bengaluru are receiving awards under the so-called 'Mysuru quota'," he said.

He criticised the Academy for prioritising Bengaluru artistes at the expense of talent from other districts and failing to adequately recognise women artistes. "The Academy Chairman appears to be acting unilaterally, discriminating in the selection process and overlooking those who have dedicated their lives to theatre," Basavalingaiah alleged.

He urged the Academy to adopt a fair and inclusive approach by ensuring awardees are chosen from across districts without gender bias, beginning next year.

Selected for Intl. Wushu Tourney

Sri Shanvi

Mysuru, Aug. 2- Sri Shanvi, a 9th std. student of CKC Public School in city, is representing India at the ongoing Batumi International Wushu Championship-2025 in Georgia (Aug. 1 to 6).

She was selected during the Wushu Association of India's selection trials held from May 2 to 6, 2025, in Himadri Hall, Maharana Pratap Sports Stadium, Raipur, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

She is the daughter of Manjula and Srinivasa, residents of Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru.

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Over 220 players participate in Inter-State Bridge Championship-2025

Member of erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, who inaugurated the Inter-State Bridge Championship-2025 at Mysore Race Club (MRC) yesterday, is seen with MRC Chairman G. Venkatesh, Bridge Federation of India Hon. General Secretary Debashish Ray and others.

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (GA&VNS)- The 5-day Inter-State Bridge Championship-2025, jointly organised by Karnataka State Bridge Association and Mysore Bridge Association at Mysore Race Club (MRC), was inaugurated by member of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar yesterday.

Around 220 players across the country are taking part in the Championship. Bridge game is played using playing cards, which helps in mental development besides helping students score more marks in mathematics. The Bridge game is held between 7.30 am and 7.30 pm everyday. The winners of the Championship will represent the country at the World Bridge Championship.

MRC Chairman G. Venkatesh, Bridge Federation of India Hon. General Secretary Debashish Ray, Karnataka Bridge Association President Prakash Eshwaran, Secretary Kunal Jaiswal, District Bridge Association President H.N. Jayapal, Secretary Umapathi and Dr. Puttabasappa were present.

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Sl No	Tender Notification No.	Items(Details)	Last Date for Submission of Tender
1	KMF/2025-26/SE3485/CALL-2	**Providing to Mysore milk union Transportation of Skim milk Powder (SMP), whole milk Powder (WMP) and Butter from various conversion units to various Godowns places and also Main Dairy / Mega Dairy Mysore services to supply Closed Vehicles(10-25 Tons Capacity) from eligible Contractors on Biennial Rate Contract basis.**	11.08.2025 before 5:00PM
2	IFT No: KMF/2025-26/SE3723/CALL-2	**Providing to Mysore milk union Transportation of Milk Powder and Ragi Health mix powder through 03 Ton Closed body Vehicles (Ashok Leyland Dosth Model) from Main Dairy Mysore to related Schools in different Taluks of Mysore District as per Kshirabhagya scheme from eligible Contractors on Biennial Rate Contract (Rate/kg).**	11.08.2025 before 5:00PM

For further information please contact Manager (Marketing) - Mob. No. 9606922899 and Marketing Officer (Transport) - Mob. No. 6366430832 during working hours.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Smarmy

Pronunciation: smär-mē (adjective).
Meaning: Revealing or marked by a smug, ingratiating, or false earnestness.
Origin: The history of smarmy is oily. Etymologists don't know where smarm (the verb from which it is based) came from, but they do know that it meant "to smear" or "to make smooth or oily" before gaining the meaning "to flatter." The adjective smarmy comes from the latter meaning.
Example: Yes, he's a smarmy know-it-all with the personality of a hall monitor, the kind of guy everyone hides from at a Christmas party.—Bill Simmons, ESPN, 2 Aug. 2004.

THE ODD WORD

Perpotation

Excessive drinking; a drinking bout.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

White Lie

Meaning: The phrase 'White Lie' means that the falsehood being told is one that is unimportant, particularly if it is meant to be polite or tactful.
Origin: There is no known origin for the term 'White Lie.' White has been used to signify purity, good, or harmless for millennia, and it is possible that the expression 'white lie' is hundreds of years old.
Example: "I told a little white lie and said she looked just fine."

QUOTE BOX

All human wisdom is summed up in two words; wait and hope.

—Alexandre Dumas

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

GETTINGITALL

Answer: Getting it all together.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Large, abbr.
4 "A rim" changed for a girl?
8 And others, in Latin (2,2)
12 Brewed beverage
13 A prison
14 Greek cheese
15 Expert artist or musician
17 Took to the air
18 Deadly African virus
19 On your own
21 Ted Turner's network
23 Precede in time
27 Mayawati's party
30 31-day mo.
32 Drinking-tube
33 Inaccurate or false statements
35 Crazy person
37 An auction, perhaps
38 Readily available (2,3)
40 The solver
42 Miserable
43 Angelic child
45 Last in a long line
47 Comply with
49 Musical notes
53 Org.
56 Tepid (4-4)
58 Assailant; ruffian
59 Den
60 Music director Malik
61 Affirmative votes
62 Small insects
63 Eggy beverage

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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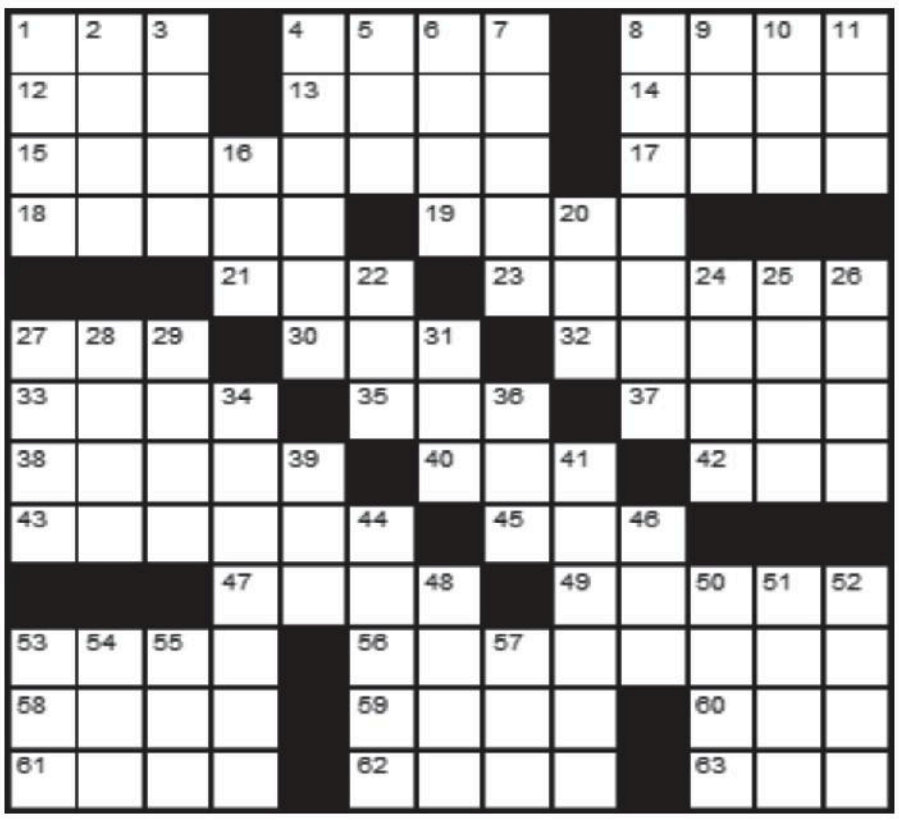
DOWN

1 Wash or bathe
2 Fluent or well-versed
3 Architect Saarinen
4 American tropical lizard
5 Title of respect in our country - "oar" anagram?
6 Rock plants
7 Stand-offish
8 Endeavours
9 Israel's __ Aviv
10 ___ one's heart out : grieved continuously?
11 Tenet or rule
16 Gentle handling, initially
20 "L" in L.A. the famous city ?
22 Religious woman
24 Epochs
25 Festive occasion
26 Was in debt
27 Political alliance
28 Hyperbolic trigonometric function
29 Sampras of tennis
31 Chap
34 Malayan garments
36 Large weight
39 Tavern or inn
41 Says or pronounces
44 "Label" changed for a girl?
46 In what way
48 Chinese money
50 Indian leavened bread
51 Cube inventor Rubik
52 Conceited
53 Air Transport Assoc.
54 Timid, bashful
55 Take legal action
57 Set of tools



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1	7	8	6	2	4	3	9	5
8	2	9	3	6	5	1	7	4
4	1	7	8	9	2	5	3	6
3	5	6	1	4	7	8	2	9
7	6	4	2	1	8	9	5	3
9	3	1	7	5	6	2	4	8
5	8	2	4	3	9	7	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UEK'H RKUYVYNHTSGHY HLY QGJRY ED UETKI

KEHLTKI, ED FRNH IETKI GJEKI, JTNHYKTKI HE GJJ HLY

HLTKIN WER ZGK'H LYGV, GKU KEH OEHLYVTKI.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A conservative is a liberal who got mugged the night before.

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	(S-4)	10.10 am, 4.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Vritta (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Kingdom (Te)	(S-1)	4 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhadak 2 (H)	(S-2)	10 am, 7.10 pm
Kothalavadi (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Saiyaara (H)	(S-2)	10.05 pm; (S-4) 1 pm
Son of Sardar 2 (H)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 7 pm, 10 pm
Ekka (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	(S-3	4.20 pm

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		6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Ekka (K)	:	1.05 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	1.10 pm
Son of Sardaar 2 (H)	:	3.45 pm, 6.40 pm
		9.30 pm
Kothalavadi (K)	:	3.55 pm

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		7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Son of Sardaar 2 (H)	:	9.05 am, 12.15 pm, 3.25 pm
		6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Kingdom (Te)	:	10 am, 4 pm, 9.30 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (H-3D)	:	11.45 am, 10 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	4.10 pm
Ekka (K)	:	12.35 pm, 7.15 pm
Dhadak 2 (H)	:	1 pm, 10.20 pm
The Bad Guys 2 (E-3D)	:	2.35 pm, 7.35 pm
Eltuu Muthaa (K)	:	3.40 pm
The Fantastic Four: First Steps (E-3D)	:	5 pm
Kothalavadi (K)	:	6.30 pm

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Su From So (K)	:	8 am, 9.50 am, 10.50 am, 1.40 pm
		4.30 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Son of Sardaar 2 (H)	:	10.15 am, 3.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	10.45 am, 7.40 pm
Kingdom (Te)	:	12.40 pm, 7.05 pm
Vritta (K)	:	1.25 pm
Kothalavadi (K)	:	1.35 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	3.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Ekka (K)	:	4.35 pm, 10 pm
Dhadak 2 (H)	:	7 pm

EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 2)

- **Sri Brahmatantra Swatantra Parakalaswamy Mutt, Devaraja Mohalla:** Karnataka Classical Music by Vidu. Harini Ramesh and troupe, Mutt premises, **6 pm.**
- **Manthana, Sri Jana Jagarana Trust, Mysuru:** Releasing of book 'Hindutva - Varthamanada Sandarbadalli Hindutvada Prastutate,' Prajna Pravah All India Co-ordinator Raghunandan will release the book and hold an interaction session, Madhava Krupa, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Mahamedanandaji speaks on 'Living at the Source - Yoga teachings of Vivekananda' in English, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Sri Chamundeshwari & Sri Karumariyamma Temple Trust, Vidyaranyapuram:** 95th Special Karaga Mahotsava, 'Laya Lahari,' a devotional songs programme by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy and troupe, Chamundipuram Circle, **7 pm.**
- **Sushira, Sri V. Desikachar's Academy of Music, Mysuru:** 24th Annual Music Fest, flute recital by Vid. Amith Nadig, Vid. S Janardhan on violin, Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. Skanda Manjunath on ghata, Sangeetha Kalanidhi Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Cinema Society:** Cine Sanje programme, screening of Kannada movies 'Bennigelliya Kannu' & 'Samaanantara Rekhegalu,' Sumashree Arcade, Saraswathipuram 1st Main, 5th Cross Road, **7 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Parivarthana Ranga Samaja:** Staging of play 'Murane Kivi' (based on Ravindra Bhat's book), directed by Prof. S.R. Ramesh, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 3)

- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, Special puja, **Morning;** Mass prayer, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani' (written by Lakkanna Dandesha) by Dr. K. Anantharamu, Vaachana by Vid. K. Ramachandra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** State-level Handloom Exhibition and Sale 'Hathkargha Mela,' JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, Mysuru, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Parivarthana Business School, KRS Road:** Cyber Security Orientation, PUC, Diploma, Degree and Post-Graduation holders can take part, School premises, **10 am to 2 pm.** [Mob: 95130-65435]
- **Abhivruddi:** 'Silk India-2025,' a spectacular 11-day silk exhibition, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, Vinobha Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Brahmatantra Swatantra Parakalaswamy Mutt, Devaraja Mohalla:** Discourse on 'Vedanta Deshika's *Dayaashataka*' by V. Srinivasa Varadan, Mutt premises, **10.30 am.**
- **Music Concert:** Vocal concert by Aditi Rao, an 8th-grade student at Portland, USA, accompanied by Vid. Tumkur Yashasvee on violin and Vid. G. Aravind on mridanga, Mysore Vasudevacharya's residence, near Agrahara, **10.30 am.**
- **Prashanthi Sansthan:** 'Prapatthi 2025,' annual Bharatanatyam festival, about 30 students of Prashanthi Sansthan (disciples of Harshini Prajwal) will present Bharatanatyam recital; Guru Vid. K. Sandesh Bhargav, Bharatanatyam exponent and Vice-President - Business Excellence and Transformation, at Kaynes Technology, inaugurates, Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy, chief guest, Dr. Rama V. Bennur, Music Critic and Visiting Professor at Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, presides, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** 'Greeshma Rangotsava-2025' in memory of late theatre person C.G. Krishnamurthy (CGK), staging of play 'Nitya Sachiva' by Karnataka Sangha, Mandya, written by Dr. Rajappa Dalavayi, directed by Pramod Shiggaon, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Manuja Ranga Trust, Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru and Dakshina Kannada mattu Karavali Jilla Sanghagala Okkuta (DK&KJSO):** Yakshagana 'Sri Devi Mahatme' by women artistes (Bhagavataru - Sinchana Mudukodi, Hemaswathi Kuriyaje and Rachana Chidgal), Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, DK&KJSO President Gracian Rodrigues, Kannada Development Authority President Dr. Purushotham Bilimale, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan and actor and Natana School of Theatre Arts Director Mandya Ramesh invitees, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **3.30 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Raaga Music Academy:** 11th Anniversary, violin duet by Akkarai Sisters — Vidu. Akkarai S. Subhalakshmi and Vidu. Akkarai S. Sornalatha — accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, Padmaja Srinivas Auditorium, BSS Vidyodaya, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.** [Mob: 82777-33410]
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Aghaharanandaji speaks on 'Sri Krishnana Baduku mattu Sadhane' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat and Kannada & Culture Department:** Valedictory of 2-day 'Geethotsava-2025,' 19th State-level Sugama Sangeetha Conference, Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Dr. C. Somashekar presides, Nadoja Dr. Hampa Nagarajaiah delivers valedictory address, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar chief guest, Kalamandira, **5.30 pm.**
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Son Of Sardaar 2 (H)	:	9.45 am, 12.55 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Ekka (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.05 pm
Su From So (K)	:	11.10 am, 2 pm, 4.50 pm, 7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	12.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K)	:	4 pm
Dhadak 2 (H)	:	4.05 pm, 10 pm
Kothalavadi (K)	:	7.20 pm

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		2 pm, 4.50 pm, 7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Kingdom (Te)	:	9.50 am, 4 pm, 10 pm
Son of Sardaar 2 (H)	:	10.25 am, 12.55 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta)	:	1.05 pm
Vritta (K)	:	1.35 pm
Ekka (K)	:	4.05 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	4.05 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	7.15 pm
Eltuu Muthaa (K)	:	7.20 pm
Sumathi Valavu (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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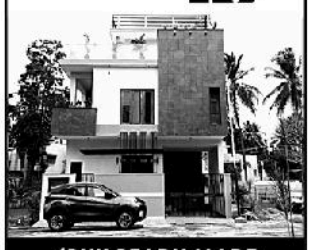

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